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SUBJECT: MINTOFF'S EUROPEAN TOUR

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1. FED DAILY BY DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION REPORTS, LOCAL PRESS
GIVING BROAD COVERAGE OF P. M.'S TRAVELS.

2. IN BRUSSELS, REPORTS SAY MINTOFF RENEWED HIS REQUEST OF
EC FOR TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION, STRESSED
THAT MALTA SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED IN DEVELOPING EC PLANNING
ON MEDITERRANEAN AREA, AND PRESSED FOR REVISION OF
MALTA- EC AGREEMENT.

3. IN BILATERAL TALKS, HE IS SAID TO HAVE CALLED FOR STRENGTH-
ENING OF MALTESE- BELGIAN RELATIONS AND CONCRETE WAYS OF PROMOTING
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ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SOCIAL HIGHLIGHT OF BRUSSELS VISIT WAS LUNCH HOSTED BY P. M. LEBURTON.

4. MORNING MAY 3 P. M. AND DELEGATION DROVE TO PARIS. VISIT BEGAN WITH LUNCH WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO MALTA FOLLOWED BY SEVENTY- FIVE MINUTE MEETING WITH POMPIDOU, DURING WHICH HE REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED " THE VERY WORRYING POSITION IN THE MIDDLE EAST"

5. LATER MINTOFF MET WITH THE COMITE NATIONAL DU PATRONAT FRANCAIS, WHERE HE WAS INTRODUCED TO FRENCH INDUSTRIALISTS (PRESUMABLY TO PROMOTE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN MALTA), FOLLOWED BY MEETING WITH MR. F. C. FABIE, MEMBER OF INDUSTRIES PROMOTION COUNCIL. REPORTS ALSO SAY P. M. MET WITH JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA.

6. MORNING MAY 4, P. M. MET WITH JOBERT, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH HOSTED BY MESSMER AT HOTEL MATIGNON. AFTERNOON SCHEDULE INCLUDED WORKING SESSION WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS AT QUAY (ECONOMIC AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS) AND MEETING WITH MALTESE COMMUNITY.

7. MINTOFF DEPARTING FOR LONDON MARNING MAY 5; IS SCHEDULED TO LUNCH WITH DOUGLAS HOME AT DORNEYWOOD SAME DAY, AND WILL RETURN TO MALTA MAY 6.

8. COMMENT: EXCELLENT TREATMENT GIVEN TO MINTOFF AND DELEGATION IN ALL CAPITALS, BUT PARTICULARLY PARIS, SHOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT ON MINTOFF' S ATTITUDE TOWARD WEST, BUT MAY NOT SUBSTITUTE, IN MINTOFF' S MIND, FOR LACK OF CONCRETE RESULTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION PERTINENT EMBASSIES CAN PROVIDE ON MINTOFF' S VISIT TO THEIR CAPITALS. GETZ

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